

D-134  
Inspection Farm (site)  
Hurlock vicinity  
c. 1830-50, 1879  
Private

The two story brick house on the Inspection farm was one of the most distinctive farm dwellings erected in northern Dorchester County during the early to mid nineteenth century. The three-bay common bond brick house was built with a hall/parlor plan but was later modified to a more formal arrangement with a dedicated stair passage. The entrance was enhanced by a characteristic Greek Revival style surround that incorporated slender colonettes on each side of the front door. Also common for the second quarter of the nineteenth century were the six-over-nine sash windows that lighted the second story. The house stood west of Hurlock near Waddells Corner until the mid to late 1970s when it was demolished.

The Inspection farmhouse was built initially during the ownership of John Bonner, who acquired this plantation during the mid 1820s. The plantation, composed of tracts, "Rochester," "Trippe's Good Luck," and "Goodriches Choice," remained in John Bonner's tenure until his death in 1858. At the time of probate, the inventory of John Bonner listed, among other things, carpets on the floors and a walnut table in the dining room. His inventoried objects, including crops of corn and oats, was valued at \$310. It was evidently during John Bonner's ownership that the farm was called Inspection. After his death the plantation passed to his daughter Hester Ann Willoughby, in whose hands it remained until after the Civil War. In 1870, the Dorchester County Court was asked to settle the estate of Hester Ann Willoughby, and the Inspection Farm was sold to Pollard

S. Collins in May 1872. Pollard S. Collins, identified at this location on the 1877 Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas, was responsible for the two-story rear wing dated to 1879. He died in 1882, and the farm passed to his wife, Celia, and their children, in whose hands the property remained well into the twentieth century. The house was razed during the mid to late 1970s.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. D-134

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Inspection Farm  
other John Bonner Farm, Pollard S. Collins Farm

### 2. Location

street and number Route 331 not for publication  
city, town Hurlock x vicinity  
county Dorchester

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name St. Ma Properties, Inc.  
street and number 4445 Waddells Corner Road telephone  
city, town Hurlock state MD zip code 21613

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber 282 folio 505  
city, town Hurlock tax map 13 tax parcel 62 tax ID number 15-005467

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other:

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	0
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	sites
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent      ☐ deteriorated  
☐ good           ☐ ruins  
☐ fair            ☒ altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The property known as the Inspection Farm was improved by a two-story, three-bay single-pile common bond brick dwelling erected around 1825-50, enlarged in 1879 and demolished during the mid to late 1970s. The two-story, three-bay main block was covered by a low pitched hip roof with interior end brick chimneys. Attached to the back of the house was a two-story, four-bay frame service wing. The farmhouse, located west of Hurlock, formerly stood on a tract bounded on the north and west by MD Route 331 and MD Route 16, respectively.

Built around 1825 to 1840 and modified and enlarged during the third and fourth quarters of the nineteenth century, the Inspection farmhouse was a two-story, three-bay center hall plan brick dwelling, which according to Michael Bourne's 1975 field sheet, started as a hall/parlor plan dwelling with an enclosed winder stair in the main room. Presumably during the mid nineteenth century the plan was modified to included a formal center hall, thereby creating an up-to-date formal privacy unknown in hall/parlor plan dwellings. The presence of six-over-nine sash windows in the historic image of the house points to the second quarter of the nineteenth century date of original construction. According to Michael Bourne's fieldsheet, the two-story rear wing, four-bays across by one room deep, was dated to 1879.

The main elevation of the house was a symmetrical three-bay façade with a center entrance and flanking four-over-four sash windows. The center doorway was framed by a mid nineteenth century Greek Revival surround with slender colonettes flanking the front door and a narrow transom above. The edge of the roof was trimmed with a boxed cornice enhanced with a crown molding. The gable ends were defined by six-over-nine sash windows to each side of interior end brick chimneys.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

• Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The two-story brick houses on the Inspection farm was one of the most distinctive farm dwellings erected in northern Dorchester County during the early to mid nineteenth century. The three-bay common bond brick house was built with a hall/parlor plan but later modified to a formal arrangement with a dedicated center stair passage. The entrance was enhanced by a characteristic Greek Revival style surround that incorporated slender colonettes on each side of the front door. Characteristic of the second quarter of the nineteenth century date of the original house were the six-over-nine sash windows that lighted the second story. The house stood until the mid to late 1970s when it was demolished.

### HISTORY AND SUPPORT

The Inspection farmhouse was built initially during the ownership of John Bonner, who acquired this plantation during the early to mid 1820s.<sup>1</sup> The plantation, composed of tracts "Rochester," "Trippe's Good Luck" and "Goodriches Choice," remained in John Bonner's tenure until his death in 1858. At the time of probate, the inventory listed, among other things, carpets on the floors and a walnut table in the dining room. His inventoried objects, including crops of corn and oats, was valued at \$310.<sup>2</sup> It was evidently during John Bonner's ownership that the farm was called Inspection. After his death the plantation passed to his daughter Hester Ann Willoughby, in whose hands it remained until after the Civil War. In 1870, the Dorchester County court was asked to settle the estate of Hester Ann Willoughby, and the "Inspection Farm" was sold to Pollard S. Collins in May 1872.<sup>3</sup> Pollard S. Collins, identified at this location on the 1877 Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson atlas, was responsible for the two-story rear wing dated to 1879. He died in 1882, and the farm passed to his wife, Celia, and their children, in whose hands the property remained well into the twentieth century. The house was torn down during the mid to late 1970s.

<sup>1</sup> Dorchester County Land Records, 9/394, 6 May 1824., Dorchester County Courthouse.

<sup>2</sup> Dorchester County Inventory, THH 7/463, 27 May 1858, Dorchester County Courthouse.

<sup>3</sup> Dorchester County Land Record, FJH 8/508, 13 May 1872, Dorchester County Courthouse.

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Inspection Farm  
Hurlock vicinity (site)

Map 13, Parcel 62 172.56 acres

PLC 282/505

Ronald H. Joseph and Dorothy M. Joseph

to

1.8.1993

St. Ma Properties, Inc.

\$370,000

Parcel One: 187.158 acre "The Inspection Farm"

PLC 260/382

Inspection Farms, Inc.

to

1.31.1990

Ronald H. Joseph and Dorothy M. Joseph

\$346,500

Lot No. 1 (consisting of two separate parcels) and described in a deed  
from C. Olivia Thompson, et al. to Inspection Farms, Inc., 3.20.1959,  
115/43

from C. Olivia Thompson et al. to Inspection Farms, Inc., 10.7.1963,  
136/479

from Thomas Irving Insley, Jr. et al., 2.28.1966, 146/390

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115/43

C. Olivia Thompson, single, City of Washington, D.C., et al.

to

3.20.1959

Inspection Farms, Inc.

"Pollard Collins Farm" Lot No. 1, described in a deed to Pollard S. Collins from William Willoughby, trustee, 5.13.1872, FJH 8/508 187  $\frac{3}{4}$  acres (Pollard S. Collins died in 1882, then to his widow Celia R. Collins and six children; Albert L. Collins, Anna W. Collins, Susie E. Collins, Edgar P. Collins, and Emma V. Hackett; all died without issue except Edgar P. Collins and interest of Emma V. Hackett as represented by the husband and children of Roxie Thompson, daughter of Emma V. Hackett—Roxie Thompson died intestate, interest in property passed to grantors herein named

1877

Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas

P. S. Collins on East New Market, District No. 2

FJH 8/508

William Willoughby, trustee

to

5.13.1872

Pollard S. Collins

\$2,000—tract formerly owned by Hester Anne Willoughby, which she bequeathed by her last will and testament to her daughters, the said Josephine Willoughby and Anne E. Willoughby, known by by the name Inspection

Decree of the Court of Chancery in the Circuit Court for  
Dorchester County....passed on the sixteenth day of December

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1870 in the case of William Willoughby, next friend of Josephine Willoughby, Ann C. Willoughby, infants vs. Josephine Willoughby, Andrew T. Willoughby and Ann E. Willoughby, his wife, I the said William Willoughby...said land was formerly the Home farm of John Bonner (deceased) father of the said Hester Ann Willoughby, Beginning for the out lines of said land sold to Pollard S. Collins at a stone on the west side of the County road leading from Cabin Creek to Lower Hunting Creek thence....containing 187  $\frac{3}{4}$  acres and eight square perches

Dorchester County  
Inventory  
THH 7/463

### Inventory of the Estate of John Bonner

5.27.1858

1 carpet in parlor  
1 walnut dining table  
Carpet on sitting room floor  
History of the World in two volumes  
1 bed, bedstead in sitting room chamber  
1 bed, bedstead in parlor chamber

Balance of trumpery in garrett

Kitchen items

Gig & harness \$10.00

Crop of corn growing in orchard  
1/3 of crop of oats growing

Total \$310.00



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Dorchester County  
Land Record  
9/395

Daniel Ross and Sarah B. Ross

to

5.6.1824

John Bonner

\$80 ...all that right title and claim in and to two hundred acres of land lying and being in Dorchester County and State aforesaid, which was deeded to Martin Bonner by his father William Bonner...it being part of a tract of land called Rochester, part of a tract called Trippes Good Luck, and part of a tract called Goodriches Choice

Dorchester County  
Land  
Record  
9/.394

William Denis ?

to

5.6.1824

John Bonner

\$120 ...interest in Rochester, Trippes Good Luck, and Goodriches Choice

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1 acre  
Acreage of historical setting 187 acres  
Quadrangle name Preston, MD

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

## 11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Chesapeake Country Heritage & Preservation	date	12/3/2008
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
410-514-7600



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Inspection Farm  
Preston, MD Quadrangle (site)



PRESTON, MD.  
NW/4 HURLOCK 15' QUADRANGLE  
N3837.5-W7552.5/7.5

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

1001345304

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

<b>1. NAME</b>					
COMMON:					
Inspection Farm					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
<b>2. LOCATION</b>					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
Rt. 331 and Rt. 16					
CITY OR TOWN:					
Hurlock					
STATE			COUNTY:		
Maryland			Dorchester		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____	
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>					
OWNER'S NAME:					
Inspection Farm, Inc.					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
P.O. Box 52					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		
Hurlock			Maryland		21643
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:					
Dorchester County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
High Street					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE		
Cambridge			Maryland		21613
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 136/479					
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>					
TITLE OF SURVEY:					
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Inspection Farm is one of two brick dwelling houses of the early nineteenth century standing north of East New Market, although its appearance is that of a later dwelling.

The house is three bays long and two bays deep, built of brick laid in Common bond, and two storys tall with a shallow pitch hip roof. On each side are brick chimneys. To the north is a two story, four bay wing which was constructed in 1879.

The main portion of the house has a central entrance with twentieth century portico. 4/4 sash are used in all of the front windows. On the sides the windows have 6/9 sash. At the east end, there is a shallow recess at both corners to carry the downspout. On closer inspection it was found that another layer of brick was applied to this side when the house was remodeled.

Inside, the house is divided into two rooms and a stair hall with a dining room pantry and kitchen in the frame portion. On the second story there are three bedrooms in the older part and three smaller rooms and bath in the back. Originally, the front of the house was a "hall and parlor" with an enclosed stair in the southeast corner. The second story had a hall across the two bay front and a chamber above the 'parlor'. Original trim and doors remain in the rooms mentioned above, although the floor of the 'parlor' has been replaced.

The house is vacant and plans are being made to have it demolished.

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |   |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education    | <input type="checkbox"/> Political      | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering  | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry     | losophy                                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention    | <input type="checkbox"/> Science        | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature   | itarian                                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Military     | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Music        | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____                                    |

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The building is important as an early 19th century brick structure of which there are few in upper Dorchester. It is also of interest for the changes which occurred in the latter part of the 19th century.

It would be worthwhile to do research on the former owners of the dwelling to find what sort of person would build a house of this sort in an area where few brick houses were being built.

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

District 15, Map 13, p. 62

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	COUNTY:
STATE:	COUNTY:
STATE:	COUNTY:
STATE:	COUNTY:

## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: <b>Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant</b>	
ORGANIZATION <b>Maryland Historical Trust</b>	DATE <b>Nov, 1975</b>
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>Shaw House, 21 State Circle</b>	
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Annapolis</b>	STATE <b>Maryland</b> <b>21401</b>

## 12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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M. Bourne Nov 1975

32x1-41

75%

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orig photo: Miss Olivia Thompson, Hurlock, Md - taken c. 1890's

copy by Chuck Langstrom 12/25-